

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph on page 1, line 11, after the line "*Actinidia arguta*":

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VARIETY DENOMINATION

Hortgem Rua

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Please add the following new paragraph beginning on page 3, line 7, after the paragraph ending with "orchard practice".

-- Horticultural terminology is used in accordance with revised UPOV guidelines for kiwi. All dimensions in millimeters, weights in grams (unless otherwise stated). Color chart: RHS Color Chart, the Royal Horticultural Society, London (3rd ed. 1995).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 11, with the following:

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Plant and foliage

This female, tetraploid, plant expresses a twining habit of medium vigour. Hairs are absent from the young shoot. Anthocyanin (red) coloration of the growing tip is near Red-purple 59A. Otherwise the young shoot is near Yellow-green 144A in color. The stem of the plant is thin; with the range of diameters observed approximately 4.0 to 12.0 mm. The stem color on the exposed side ranges between near Greyed-orange 166A and near Greyed-orange 166B, and the bark is moderately rough. Lamellate pith is present. The lenticels are average in number and density (approximately 15-30/cm²), and near Greyed-orange 166B in color on the upper surface and near Greyed-white 156C in color on the lower surface. Typically lenticels measure approximately 0.88 mm in length and 0.75

mm in width. Bark on the laterals is similarly colored to that on the stem and the laterals are absent of hairs. The proximal face of the bud support is perpendicular and a bud cover is present. Typically the bud support is approximately 4.73 mm in diameter; the leaf scar is deep. Dormant bud is small in diameter (ranging approximately 0.7 to 4.0 mm).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 15 with the following:

--There are many stamens (ranging approximately 40-50 in number). The filament color is near Green 130D; the anther color varies within the range near Black 202A to near Grey 201B. The number of styles averages approximately 21.9 and they are arranged in a semi-erect attitude. The ovary is smooth.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1, with the following:

--The fruit skin is thin, smooth, and absent of hairs. The fruit exhibit green skin and green flesh throughout the fruit growth phase; fruit skin color at harvest (fruit still hard) is within the range near Green 140A to near Green 143B. Fruit color changes are evident during the ripening period; flesh color change typically commences approximately 109 days after anthesis. Flesh color change occurs as a progression from green to a more red color, this reddening ~~Reddening~~ typically occurring at the end of the fruit that softened first; from the stem end down. During ripening, the skin color is affected by the internal color changes: the color of the fruit skin at maturity for consumption being within the range near Red-purple 59A to Green 143A. The color of the outer pericarp at maturity for consumption is tends to be predominately green (within the range near Green 137A to near Green 141A; the inner pericarp (locules) exhibit predominately red coloration (within the range Red-purple 59A to Green 143A). Typically the number of locules averages approximately 19.1.--